REMARKS

This amendment is being filed prior to payment of the issue fee.

The claims presented above, without the above-proffered amendments, reflect the way that the claims read after the Examiner's amendment of June 27, 2008.

The above-proffered claim amendments simply address antecedent basis issues resulting from the Examiner's amendment, and do not change the scope of the claims. Accordingly, entry of the amendments is requested.

Claim status identifiers reflect the fact that Examiner Pilkington has rejoined the previously withdrawn claims on June 27, 2008.

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this Rule 312 amendment. In the event this is not correct, the undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Applicants' representative, Martin J. Cosenza, at (202) 295-4747.

Applicants again thank Examiner Pilkington for allowing this application.

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